

# **The Care and Feeding of A Pastor**

## **Part I**

What can We Expect of Him?

# Realities & Perceptions

- Pedestal “When I grow up I’m going to be the boss of my own church”
- Lowest Rung “You’re not the boss of the water”

# Realistic Grasp of the Pastor

- Job - The Work he does
- Role - The part he plays in other people's lives
- Calling - The vocation he enters into

# Expectations

- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
  - Persevere (vss.1,2)
  - Know He is Entrusted by God in this Office (vss. 3-6) He has God's "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval."
  - Be Gentle Like a Nursing Mother. (vss. 7,8)
  - Set An Example. (vss. 9,10)

## Holy, Righteous, Blameless

- Motivate Like A Dad. (vs. 11)  
prompt without provocation – security vs. success  
not his dreams(vision) but our potential.
- Have A Goal (vs. 12)

# **Suggestions for the Pastor**

## **I Peter 5:6-11**

### Know your place

- Rest in God's care
- Take Your ministry seriously
- Resist the Devil
- Trust in God's sanctifying & sustaining Grace
- Other

# Perks and Prerogatives

## Perks:

- Kindness and generosity of people
- A flexible schedule. Should work hours necessary to do the job and live a balanced life
- Other

## Prerogatives:

- Invited into people's lives.(celebrations/sorrows)
- Standing as a priest between God and man
- Seeing God's sovereign Will accomplished countless times
- Others

# Pitfalls

- Allowing ministry to define identity
- Allowing biblical knowledge to define spiritual maturity
- Confusing blessing with endorsement
- Isolation
- Self Delusion
- Losing Sense of Awe
- Other

# Pressures

- Time
- Finances
- Work
- Performance
- Other



# Encouragements by the Church

- A. Encourage Pastor to attend small group he doesn't lead.
- B. Encourage Pastor to have a Mentor.
- C. Be a friend to the Pastor.
- D. Encourage Pastor's family relations.
- E. Make no undue expectations of Pastor's family.
- F. Be gracious to the Pastor (give benefit of doubt)
- G. Only expect Pastor to "coach" and participate in ministry not be the "boss" of it.
- H. Pray for the Pastor and his family.

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## **Part II**

**What Can He Expect of Us?**

- A. Leadership committed to this church  
(willing to bear the burden of leadership with him)
- B. Members will respond to needs  
(physical, spiritual, and financial)
- C. Members will seek and wait upon God.
- D. Members will extend Grace to one another.

E. Members will befriend one another.  
(John 13:34,35)

F. Members will participate in the mission of  
God's work.

G. Members will build into Pastor's life.

# Conclude

Church and Pastor should enjoy a symbiotic Relationship for the advance of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

1 Corinthians 12:14-25